

FAILED FOR \$101,000

C. H. Thompson's Schedule Biggest Ever Filed in Brattleboro

\$72,000 of the Liabilities Not Secured—Many of the Large Creditors in Boston and Other Cities.

The largest individual failure recorded in Brattleboro was shown yesterday about 5 o'clock when Charles H. Thompson, president of the Brattleboro Manufacturing company, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy.

His total indebtedness, shown by the schedule, is \$101,557.82, and his assets are \$18,455. Those who have been in touch with the legal entanglements of the Brattleboro Manufacturing company will not be surprised at the fact of the schedule being filed, but they were surprised at the amount of the liabilities. The business of the company, which was that of making hosiery and was conducted in the machine shop building on Arch street, was of good proportions and appeared to be prosperous up to several months ago, when attachments began to be placed on the property. After that it appeared to go to pieces, and for some time the factory has been closed. Mr. Thompson has not been adjudged bankrupt by Judge H. H. Wheeler being away. When that is done a trustee will be elected and it is likely that there will be protracted hearings in the case.

The liabilities represent largely the liabilities of C. H. Thompson on notes of the Brattleboro Manufacturing company, the Howe, Lovejoy company of Boston, the Hopper, Morgan company of Watertown, N. Y., and the Bradstreet, Tilton company. The Howe, Lovejoy company and the Hopper, Morgan company are now in bankruptcy. It appears that each of these concerns issued notes for large amounts with endorsements of one or another of the other concerns and raised money on them at banks in Boston, Providence, R. I., and New York city. A large number of these notes for each concern were sold by one J. E. Whitney of Boston, and many of them bear his endorsement. Nearly all of them accrued within the present year.

A civil process was served on Mr. Thompson in Boston a few days ago as a non-resident debtor, and Mr. Thompson furnished bail. A hearing in that case is set for next Monday. It is understood that this action was the final development which brought about the petition in bankruptcy.

The schedule of assets shows that there is no life insurance due Mr. Thompson or his estate. In detail the statement of liabilities and assets is as follows:

Liabilities.	
Secured claims.....	\$12,525.00
Unsecured claims.....	72,446.00
Accommodation paper.....	16,586.82
\$101,557.82	
Assets.	
Real estate.....	\$4,000.00
Bills, promissory notes and securities.....	45.00
Household goods.....	250.00
Carriages and other vehicles.....	40.00
Other personal property.....	40.00
Stocks, negotiable bonds, etc.....	13,250.00
Property claimed exempt.....	\$10.00
\$18,455.00	

The real estate included in the assets consists of a cottage and land and boat house at Spofford lake, mortgaged to the Springfield Savings bank and Martha C. Burnham. The stocks, negotiable bonds, etc., included in the above consist of 82 shares of the capital stock of the Brattleboro Gas Light company, \$3100, and 203 shares of the capital stock of the Brattleboro Manufacturing company, par value \$10.150.

A petition to have the Brattleboro Manufacturing company adjudged bankrupt has been pending for some time, the petitioners being the Rhoades, Ripley Clothing company and other unsecured creditors. A hearing on the petition is set for Dec. 21. This, with the fact that the company has not been doing business recently, is indicative of the value of the Brattleboro Manufacturing company stock as an asset.

The Brattleboro Manufacturing company is capitalized at \$24,750, divided into 495 shares of \$50 each, held as follows: C. H. Thompson 339, Mrs. W. D. Stockwell 20, Mrs. C. M. Fletcher 20, Emily M. Stockwell 16, Dr. H. D. Holton 10, C. F. Thompson 4, Marshall J. Noyes 2, Adella Joy estate of Davenport, Ia., 10, S. C. Johnson of Boston 2, John B. Gordon of Middletown, Conn., 2.

Following is a list of the unsecured creditors: First National bank of Northampton, Mass., \$11,750; J. Lederer corporation of Providence, R. I., \$500; Claude Allen of Boston, \$250; Freeman National bank of Boston, \$250; Freeman National bank of Boston, \$250; J. W. Cawley of Boston, \$250; A. Kaufman of New York, \$250; Webster & Atlas National bank of Boston, \$250; Whipple, Sears & O'Brien of Boston, \$250; Rhoades, Ripley & Co. of Boston, \$1000; F. P. Shumway & Co. of Boston, \$400; F. Ferdinand of Boston, \$300; American Exchange National bank of New York, \$400; Puritan Trust Co. of Boston, \$1000; Arnold Louchine of Philadelphia, \$1000; Francis Goodhue, Jr., of Philadelphia, \$250; C. S. Bray of New York, \$500; H. H. Wheeler of Brattleboro, \$500; E. B. Barrows of Brattleboro, \$46.

The secured creditors and the amount of debt to each are: Springfield Savings bank of Springfield, this state, \$2000; Vermont National bank of Brattleboro, \$3175; Charles S. Clark of Brattleboro, \$1050; Martha C. Burnham of Northampton, Mass., \$2000; First National bank of Northampton, \$4000.

The security held by the Vermont National bank consists of the 62 shares of Brattleboro Gas Light company stock, mentioned in the list of assets, on a claim for \$2875, and the name of C. C. Fitts as surety signed for the remaining \$800. C. S. Clark's security is 26 shares of Brattleboro Manufacturing company stock. Martha C. Burnham's security is a second mortgage on the Chesterfield real estate and 20 shares of Brattleboro Manufacturing company stock. The First National bank of Northampton has the names of Martha C. Burnham and Helen E. Thompson as surety signers.

The accommodation paper included in the schedule is as follows: E. A. Chamberlain, \$20, to People's National bank, signed C. H. Thompson; Morris & Gregg, \$50, to Vermont National bank, signed C. H. Thompson; and A. B. Clapp; Elizabeth C. Thompson, \$500, to Vermont National bank, signed C. H. Thompson; B. C. Johnson and Helen E. Thompson; Vermont National bank, signed C. H. Thompson and James F. Hooker; Morris & Gregg, \$84.41, to People's National bank, signed C. H. Thompson; J. W. Gregg and J. L. Knowlton; C. D. Noyes, \$500, to J. A. Taylor, signed C. H. Thompson; E. E. Vanderpool, \$500, to People's National bank, signed C. H. Thompson and 19 others unknown; H. A. Chapin, \$1000, to People's National bank, signed C. H. Thompson; C. H. Eddy, George Eels and J. J. Eddy estate; Elmer D. Powers, \$500, to William A. Peterson of Springfield, Mass., signed C. H. Thompson as surety in suit of Allison vs. Powers.

In connection with Mr. Thompson's bankruptcy schedule the following from the New York American of Dec. 6 is of interest:

"The manner in which a swindler, whose picture is in the 'rogues' gallery, fleeced a Newark business man was revealed in the chancery court in that city yesterday. The swindler is H. C. Bostwick, and his victim, Fred M. Van Houten, treasurer of the now defunct Van Houten Brothers Jewelry company. When the concern was pressed for

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Births.

In Newfane, Dec. 6, a daughter, Margaret Stearns, to Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Gilman.
In South Newfane, a daughter, Elva Josephine, to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Garry.
In Montpelier, Dec. 4, a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Barber.
In East Putney, Dec. 9, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Phelps.

Marriages.

In Brattleboro, Dec. 9, by Rev. George B. Lawson, Nelson B. Ober of Bellows Falls and Elsie G. Robinson, formerly of Rutland.
In Jacksonville, Dec. 12, by A. A. Butterfield, Esq., F. Elliott Davis and Miss Marcia A. Butterfield of Jacksonville.

Deaths.

In Brattleboro, Dec. 13, Mrs. Henry P. Quilow, 52.
In Brattleboro, Dec. 10, Clarissa Jane O'Donnell, 80.
In West Brattleboro, Dec. 8, Miss Lucy Bernard Fox, 67.
In Swanton, N. H., Dec. 11, Mrs. Esther Whitcomb, aged 90 years and 3 months. Burial in South Londonderry.
In Worcester, Mass., Dec. 12, Mrs. Ella (Dutton) Howe, wife of John H. Howe.
In Westmoreland, N. H., Dec. 7, Mrs. Mary Sherman, formerly of Keene, 66.
In Newfane, Dec. 11, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Potomac.
In Bellows Falls, Dec. 9, a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Richards.
In Bellows Falls, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Y. Hingworth.
In Wardsboro, Dec. 10, a daughter, Annie May, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Simpson.
In South Londonderry, Dec. 9, a son to Mr. and Mrs. George Herrick.
In Guilford Centre, Dec. 13, Lyle, infant son of Archie and Edith Miner.
In Guilford, Dec. 13, Charles Emery Alexander, 75.
In Bellows Falls, Dec. 7, Orissa Chase Dodge, wife of Randolph Dodge.
In Camaguey, Cuba, Nov. 11, Rev. J. W. Harris, formerly of Jamaica.

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ready cash Bostwick, who had impressed himself upon Van Houten as a gentleman and financier, agreed to raise \$1000, providing Van Houten would give him eight notes for \$250 each. If he failed to produce the cash these were to be returned. Bostwick disappeared and Van Houten never got the notes or cash. The company became insolvent, and then two of the notes were presented. One had fallen into the hands of the Brattleboro Manufacturing company, which also held a note for \$300 that Van Houten had given for a loan.

"These facts appeared when John S. Gibson, the receiver, yesterday went into court to show why he should not admit the two notes in question as claims. The other note that came to light had been destroyed."
"The case was continued until Dec. 20, when the Brattleboro company will have to prove the validity of the notes.""Si Stebbins" Saturday Afternoon and Evening.
If you enjoy a good show with plenty of chances to laugh Dan Darleigh and his company in "Si Stebbins" are bound to satisfy you. Of Mr. Darleigh it has been said that the mantle of humor is more deserving shoulders. He depicts the innocent old farmer in a masterly way, making for himself hundreds of admirers. The piece is of that quaint type which leads one back to younger days. One can almost smell the sweet perfume of wild flowers and new mown hay, so rural and true to nature is the play and the company's interpretation of it. "The Old Homestead" and "Si Stebbins" are of the same congenial class, and the latter will be seen at the Auditorium in Brattleboro Saturday, matinee at 2.30 p. m., and evening performance at 8.

Legal Notices.

STATE OF VERMONT, MARLBORO, SS. By the Probate Court for said District. To all persons interested in the estate of LEWIS GROUT, late of Brattleboro in said District: Greeting:
You are hereby notified that this Court will decide upon the allowance of the account of H. D. Holton, Executor upon the estate of Lewis GROUT, late of Brattleboro in said District, deceased, and decree distribution thereof to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro in said District, on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1905, when and where you may be heard in the premises, if you see cause. A. F. SCHWENK, Register.

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Christmastide—when children dream—and wake, and dreaming or waking long for one tiny glimpse of that dear little old man with cheeks like red roasted apples, and eyes like stars, and a pack that holds all that is beautiful, and a heart large enough and tender enough to care for all the children—dear, blessed, glorious old Santa Claus.

Gifts at Christmas time—the heart's expression of its wish to make others happy. We have many, a great store full. This space holds but a hint of what you'll find here. To show them will be pleasant, to sell them will be pleasant—to suit you in your choice will be the pleasantest of all.

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